

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

October 27, 2011

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on October 20, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending October 26, 2011 in the amount of \$ 280,604.46 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of October 20 – October 26 , 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 26 – October 24, 2011
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from October 1 – October 19, 2011

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 767,125.65 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Project HOME 2009-12 (Williams - 5 Saranac St) be awarded to Handy Dan D Home Improvement for \$19,300.00 and will be funded by the 2009 HOME program.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to certify the information contained in the 2011 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) and be authorized to sign and submit said grant application to the Department of State for the Environmental Protection Fund through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Year 2007.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. WHEREAS,** The North Country Cultural Center for the Arts is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project to be located at 25 Brinkerhoff Street, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Common Council; City of Plattsburgh; and

**WHEREAS**, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for-profit corporation must obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by this august body that the Common Council; City of Plattsburgh hereby does approve and endorse the application of The North Country Cultural Center for the Arts for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project known as The Strand Theatre Restoration and located within this community.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Regular Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2011 will be changed due to the Veterans Day Holiday to Wednesday, November 9, 2011 beginning at 5:30 pm. The work session will begin at 5 pm.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Regular Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 24, 2011 will be changed due to the Thanksgiving Holiday to Tuesday, November 22, 2011 beginning at 5:30 pm. The work session will begin at 5 pm.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police Officer to attend the "Police Mental Health In-Service curriculum; Orientation Training on Responding to Situations Involving Emotionally Disturbed People" in Albany, NY from November

15-16, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$273.37 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund (travel expense).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Mayor Kasprzak to attend the NYCOM Executive Committee and Legislative Priorities Meeting in Albany, NY from November 20 -21, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$420.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Request from the Community Development Office that Project HOME 2009-14 (Eelman - 63 South Peru St) be awarded to Scott Witt General Contractor for \$21,578.00 and will be funded by the 2009 HOME program.

**Councilor Carpenter** said I just got a question for John actually. I notice we've been hitting that pretty regularly, I'm wondering if we're still pretty flush in that fund.

**Corporation Counsel John Clute** said I don't know if we're flush. I think the last time I looked we had maybe 3 or 4 left and we might be able to do them within the limit.

**Councilor Carpenter** said is that something we would apply for again? Does it have to be empty and then we apply? Is that how it works?

**Corporation Counsel John Clute** said I don't think it has to be totally empty before you can reapply again. But now that they've changed this whole application thing in the state. To be honest with you I don't really know whether this is one of these things that it used to be with amenities programs there was kind of like an open application period you could apply anytime during the year and if you scored highly enough you would get it. But, this new unified application business with a deadline of October 31<sup>st</sup> I'm not sure whether it applies to this program or not.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said I don't think it does, but, John's correct in stating that I think the whole way of business by Governor Cuomo is much different. And it includes Community Development grant

funding too. It's not affected by the 31<sup>st</sup> but its going to be affected I'm sure. There's no doubt about it.

**Councilor Carpenter** said just one more question. Would the availability of something like this program fall under that umbrella where the money's going to be doled out to a section of the state and then they decide where it goes.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said I can't answer that. Steve Peters had asked me that on some of the CFA stuff. To be quite frank it hasn't been defined like it should at this point. So I can't answer your question because there's not an answer. I'm hopeful this program will continue through community developments. But we haven't had any real definitions as to how much money will be there and if it's usually very easy to just reapply and if you have a good reputation like Plattsburgh does in utilizing the money then its automatic. I don't think its going to be that way but we haven't been told that this year. When I go down to NYCOM's meeting I am sure a lot of the communities will be asking that same question for our Legislative priorities. I hope to get an answer before for you but I am sure I'll get one by then. It's a good program and Plattsburgh's been very successful in having people take advantage of it in a good sense. But I think everything the way the state has been doing business is going to change. I'm not sure it's all positive but it's different and a lot of changes will make more sense but they haven't really focused on this program as much as the other things going on at this point. John's right there's going to be a different way of doing it, I believe.

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#### **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Jackson** said there will be a MLD Board Meeting after this meeting.

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#### **11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Recreation Superintendent Steve Peters** said he wanted to extend an invitation to everybody to drop by the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Trick or Treat on Safety Street tomorrow we have about 2500 people every year.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said thank you and it has been very successful. It is really a great event and the Crete Center's utilized and we have between 2500 and 5000 youngsters go through there and it's going very well. Good Luck.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:44 pm**